Fire in Jammu and Kashmir Forest Corporation Depots

2011. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fires that broke out in Jammu and Kashmir Forest Corporation's Depots from 1989 to 1992, year-wise alongwith value of property lost; and

(b) whether any action has been taken against those responsible therefor, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir has informed that no fire has taken place in any Sale Depots of Jammu region during 1989—1992. Report regarding Kashmir region is being collected & will be placed on the Table of the House.

वनों में आग लगने की घटनाएं

2012. **श्री ईश 'दत्त यादव:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ऐसे वनों की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है जिनमें गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान आग लगने की घटनाएं हुई;

(ख) आग लगने की ऐसी घटनाओं से वन क्षेत्रों को राज्यवार कितना नुकसान हुआ; और

(ग) वन क्षेत्रों में आग लगने की ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने अब तक क्या प्रयास किए हैं?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) और (ख) राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश सरकारों से सूचनाएकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

(ग) "जीवीय हस्तक्षेप से वनों की सुरक्षा के लिए मूलभूत ढांचे का विकास" स्कीम के तहत अग्नि शमन उपकरणों की खरीद, वायरलैस सैटों की व्यवस्था और अग्नि लाइनों के निर्माण के लिए राज्य / केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश सरकारों को केन्द्रीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है।

Sandokphu Forest Area in Darjeeling

2013. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Sandokphu forest area in Darjeeling is one of the richest reserve of rare species of flora and fauna in the world; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for the preservation and conservation of this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Sankokphu Forest, which is a part of the Singalila National Park in the Darjeeling district, West Bengal, is rich in floral and faunal diversity, which also occurs in other parts of the Eastern Himalaya. The Singalila National Park, along with its flora and fauna, is adequately protected under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The Act has been recently amended to provide deterrent punishment for poaching or causing any other damage to a national park or sanctuary. Assistance is provided under the Centrally sponsored scheme 'Assistance for the development of national parks' for development, protection and scientific management of the Singalila National Park.

Forest Areas in Darjeeling District

2014. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area under Forest Deptt. in the 3 hill sub-divisions of Darjeeling District in West Bengal and what is the existing area there covered by reserved forests; and

(b) what is total area damaged by deforestation and what steps are being taken by Government for the afforestation of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.